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- Re ChiCom ground forces studies;
- Go ahead and commit the necessary PI resources to do the Lanchow Mil. Region work in 15 months.
- Stay in close collaboration with OSR and IAS as we do the work.
- I also want you to inform that we are doing this.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT : CHICOM Ground Forces Installations

REFERENCE : Your note of 26 June 1970

1. [] this date. The work which we have done on Kunming Military Installations is not in the detail required for OSR. We have supplied the information we have to IAS and have arranged for [] the IEG analysts on this area, to meet regularly with the IAS counterparts. IAS will complete all the work on Kunming Military Region unilaterally.

2. We estimate that we can do the Lanchow Military Region in 12 to 15 months if we can augment the four PIs currently assigned to this region with another four. The additional four PIs will work full time on the military installations studies under the guidance of the PIs assigned to each providence. The latter PIs, however, will have to spend much of their time on first- and second-phase reporting and in developing overall familiarity with their real estate. We doubt that they will be able to spend more than 1/3 of their time to the military installation reporting.

3. Following completion of Lanchow we could undertake the Wuhan MR. However, in discussions with [] he expressed the hope that another agency might undertake this area.

4. Regarding Tibet and Sinkiang, the analysis and reporting which we have done to date does not contain the chronology and mensuration necessary to meet OSR's needs. It could serve, however, to identify facilities and their current status.

5. Ray has talked with [] and several others in DIAAP-9. A copy of his MR is attached. DIAAP-9 appears willing and eager to undertake some of these studies if they can be properly tasked.

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6. If you concur with my proposal to take on the Lanchou Military Region, I will need to reassign four PI positions; two each from SD and MSD to the China Branch, EGD. I believe we could be started on this project by the 15th of July.

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